

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. - 17. (canceled).

18. (currently amended): A print control apparatus comprising:

an executing unit adapted to execute printing of a job having a first priority in preference to another job having a second priority that is lower than the first priority; and

a changing proxy processing unit adapted to, when detect an error is detected in a first printer, move a job stored in a first queue provided for the first printer and for changing a proxy printing job for which printing is to be executed in a second printer in place of the first printer to have a higher priority than other jobs;

~~wherein said changing unit moves the proxy printing job from an original queue~~ to a second queue provided for ~~[[the]]~~ a second printer so as to execute proxy printing and changes the ~~proxy printing~~ moved job to have ~~[[the]]~~ a higher priority than another job stored in the second queue, if the moved job has an earlier reception time than that other job.

19. (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said executing unit selects, from among jobs which have not been transmitted to a print processing unit, a job having a higher priority than others of those jobs, reads the selected job, and transmits the read job to the print processing unit.

20. (currently amended): A print control method comprising:

an executing step, of executing printing of a job having a first priority in preference to a job having a second priority that is lower than the first priority; and

a changing proxy processing step, of, when detecting an error is detected in a first printer, moving a job stored in a first queue provided for the first printer and changing a proxy printing job for which printing is to be executed in a second printer in place of the first printer to have a higher priority than other jobs;

wherein said ~~changing step~~ includes moving the proxy printing job from an original queue to a second queue provided for ~~[[the]]~~ a second printer so as to execute proxy printing and changing the ~~proxy printing~~ moved job to have ~~[[the]]~~ a higher priority than another job stored in the second queue, if the moved job has an earlier reception time than that other job.

21. (previously presented): A method according to claim 20, wherein said executing step includes selecting, from among jobs which have not been transmitted to a print processing unit, a job having a higher priority than others of those jobs, reading the selected job, and transmitting the read job to the print processing unit.

22. (currently amended): A ~~program stored in a~~ computer-readable storage medium storing a program that causes ~~for causing~~ a computer to execute a print control method, the method comprising:

an executing step, of executing printing of a job having a first priority in preference to a job having a second priority that is lower than the first priority; and

a ~~changing proxy processing~~ step, of, ~~when detecting~~ an error is detected in a first printer, moving a job stored in a first queue provided for the first printer and changing a proxy printing job for which printing is to be executed in a second printer in place of the first printer to have a higher priority than other jobs;

wherein said changing step includes moving the proxy printing job from an ~~original queue~~ to a second queue provided for ~~[[the]]~~ a second printer so as to execute proxy printing and changing the ~~proxy printing~~ moved job to have ~~[[the]]~~ a higher priority than another job stored in the second queue, if the moved job has an earlier reception time than that other job.

23. (currently amended): A ~~program~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein said executing step includes selecting, from among jobs which have not been transmitted to a print processing unit, a job having a higher priority than others of those jobs, reading the selected job, and transmitting the read job to the print processing unit.

24. (currently amended): A print system comprising:
an executing unit adapted for executing printing of a job having a first priority and placed in a queue in preference to another job placed in the queue and having a second priority that is lower than the first priority;

a proxy unit adapted for executing proxy printing such that a job for a first printer is printed in a second printer in place of the first printer; and

a ~~changing proxy processing~~ unit adapted for, when an error is detected in the first printer, moving a job stored in a first queue provided for the first printer ~~changing the job for the proxy printing by said proxy unit to have a higher priority,~~

~~wherein said changing unit moves the job from an original queue to a~~ second queue provided for the ~~other~~ second printer so as to execute proxy printing and changes ~~changing~~ the moved job to have ~~[[the]]~~ a higher priority than another job stored in the second queue, if the moved job has an earlier reception time than that other job.

25. (currently amended): A system according to claim 24, wherein said executing unit selects, from among jobs which have not been transmitted to a ~~printer processing unit~~, a job having a higher priority than others of those jobs, reads the selected job, and transmits the read job to the first or the second printer as the case may be ~~processing unit~~.

26. (new): An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein, if first and second jobs are stored in the second queue and if the moved job has an later reception time than the first job and has an earlier reception time than the second job, said proxy processing unit changes the moved job to have a higher priority than the second job and to have a lower priority than the first job.

27. (new): A method according to claim 20, wherein, if first and second jobs are stored in the second queue and if the moved job has an later reception time than the first job and has an earlier reception time than the second job, said proxy processing step includes

changing the moved job to have a higher priority than the second job and to have a lower priority than the first job.

28. (new): A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein, if first and second jobs are stored in the second queue and if the moved job has an later reception time than the first job and has an earlier reception time than the second job, said proxy processing step includes changing the moved job to have a higher priority than the second job and to have a lower priority than the first job.

29. (new): A system according to claim 24, wherein, if first and second jobs are stored in the second queue and if the moved job has an later reception time than the first job and has an earlier reception time than the second job, said proxy processing unit changes the moved job to have a higher priority than the second job and to have a lower priority than the first job.